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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

APR 30 - Friday NEWSLETTER Deadline for the June issue, 12 NOON

MAY 3 - COUNCIL MEETING (Budget)

MAY 17 - COUNCIL MEETING (Hearing)

MAY 31 - Memorial Day (Town Office closed; no bus service)

JUN 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the

July/August issue, 12 NOON

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. Agenda for Council Meetings is posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

Let me begin this column with both some wonderful and some very sad news. On April 6th at the Annual Prince George's County Municipal Police Chief's Breakfast, FORMER LT. STEPHEN S. BACON, UPPD was inducted into the Police Hall of Fame for his

49 years of service. Congratulations for an honor well earned! Unfortunately, we were saddened to receive the news that FORMER UPPD OFFICER TRAVIS HENRY, 32, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, died on April 4, 2010 at his home, just after returning from work. He was an officer with the Shippensburg University Police Force. He also had been a U.S. Army veteran and Staff Sergeant before he joined the UPPD for seven years. Our deepest condolences go to his family.

THE BUDGET is the main subject of this column. The Mayor's Budget Proposal was presented to the Council on March 31st. As can be seen from the table at the end of this message, it is a balanced budget with a proposed ending surplus of \$2,205.

Some of the MORE IMPORTANT ASPECTS of the 2011 Budget are that: (1) If you exclude "Capital Investments in Equipment" and "Streets Funds" (which we propose to fund from "Designated Reserves"), we continue to reduce "General Government" and "Public Works" costs with no reduction in services. The combined reduction in operating costs for these two departments is approximately \$108,500. (2) The Police Department's budget increased slightly, mainly as a consequence of a decision to upgrade the UPPD civilian position to a full-time job starting in January 2011. This will reduce our Police Officers' clerical functions while increasing their time "on the street." (3) If we exclude the "Capital Expenditures Drawn From Reserves" option, then this will be the third

straight year that we will have been able to keep our operating budget (including debt service) below 2.6 million and in line with our revenues, in spite of the loss of almost \$150,000 in State funds. As a happy consequence, we will continue to be able to maintain property taxes at their current levels. An overwhelming majority of Town residents should not see an increase in their Town property tax bill this coming fiscal year or in the two that follow. Minor exceptions may occur, resulting in either a drop or an increase in Town property taxes. As a rule, this will be the consequence of whether you purchased your home in the last three years or own a home elsewhere that you treat as your primary residence for tax purposes. (And as AN ASIDE: Be sure to file your Homestead Tax Exemption form as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.)

The MOST **IMPORTANT** "NEW **ELEMENT**" in this year's Budget is the transfer of \$255,000 from "Reserved" and "Unreserved Designated" funds to purchase a pickup truck, upgrade our tractor to a fourwheel drive model, and initiate a five-to-seven vear plan to repair our streets. Of these expenditures, the most encompassing will be the street repairs. They initiate what is expected to be expenditures in the range of \$1.5 million dollars (of which we expect WSSC, Washington Gas, and the County to provide about \$300-400 thousand dollars).

And after this year, we will have to fund as much as a million additional dollars to complete all the necessary repairs. In our fiveyear plan, we propose two alternatives to funding this program: (1) Annual funding of a portion of the work each year (for up to six additional years) or (2) through floating a capital bond in the first quarter of FY 2012. The former method of funding will require us to raise property taxes (starting no later than FY 2014) and could expose us to increased construction costs due to inflation, as there are indications that concrete and asphalt prices are set to rise over the next year or two. The latter method, a bond, would raise our debt ratio to approximately 50% of our annual budget, including reserves. These issues are fully vetted in our discussion of the five-year plan posted on the Town web site on April 12th. The Council will hold Public Hearings on May 3rd and May 17th if you wish to make comments.

Finally, many of you will be happy to know that we have appointed a **TOWN 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION** to prepare some festivities for next year. The anniversary celebration probably will coincide with the 2011 Azalea Classic next year, which will be celebrating its tenth anniversary.

I hope everyone had a great spring break holiday and is enjoying a healthy, fun, and exhilarating shift in seasons!

EXPENDITURE - REVENUE CATEGORY	PROPOSED FY 2011	ESTIMATED ACTUAL FY 2010					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (GG)	\$434,184	\$513,239					
PUBLIC WORKS (PW)	\$1,399,950	\$1,174,448					
POLICE AND SAFETY (PD)	\$761,800	\$739,280					
UNRESERVED DESIGNATED	\$132,000	\$165,000					
RESERVED DESIGNATED	\$240,200	\$436,700					
UNRESERVED UNDESIGNATED	\$972,614	\$995,909					
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$240,600	\$1,278,507					
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$2,595,934	\$3,679,884					
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$2,583,739	\$2,426,967					
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$12,195)	\$1,252,917					
DEBT SERVICE	\$240,600	\$1,278,507					
TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$252,795)	(\$25,590)					
DESIGNATED RESERVES ALLOCATED	\$255,000	N/A					
EINAL OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$2,205	(\$25,590)					

FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

IF YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR: I realize I repeat this message every spring, but until there are no more high school seniors in University Park, I will continue to emphasize the importance of the following information.

High school seniors will be ending their school years soon and those last few weeks are packed with activities. Proms, final exams, graduation parties, senior beach week, the anticipation of going to college, summer jobs, and vacations -- all are exciting. But they also can create some anxiety and can be overwhelming, and all these feelings together can manifest into irresponsible behavior. These "farewell events" are important and usually create lifetime memories for students, but even more important is the necessity to finish the school year safely and in good health.

Far too many young people die at the young age of 17 or 18. As parents, it is our duty to talk to children, our own and others, about drinking, drugs, driving under the influence, respecting themselves and others, and having fun in a courteous and responsible manner. Ask your child to "do the right thing when no one is looking." Don't be afraid to tell your children "NO" when it comes to dangerous activities. It always is okay to say "no" to underage drinking, especially at home and even if you did it when you were young, because just one little mistake can impact on the rest of their life -- if they live through it.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! With trees and azaleas in bloom, grass growing, and flower beds getting their spring clean up, be sure to secure your mowers, tools, bicycles, and other valuables safely in a shed or garage. A good lock on the garage or shed goes a long way. If you hire someone to do your yard work, use licensed contractors, maid services, landscapers, etc. and be sure to record their information. Know the person you are introducing to your home and its contents.

UNLICENSED/INOPERABLE VEHICLES!

University Park is not a community that condones junk cars, and the removal of these vehicles is essential to maintaining an appealing community. The UPPD is requesting that you rid your driveways of any untagged, unregistered, and inoperative vehicles. Besides being an eyesore, they are not permitted by Town Code. A survey of these vehicles will be taken and notifications will be sent to violators. Please be proactive and find a place to donate your vehicle. Driving safely in a safe vehicle demands your attention.

THE UPPD E-LIST: This e-mail service gives residents crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen. To be added to the E-List, please provide the UPPD with your name, address, eddress, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS:

There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service for any resident; call 1-866-559-8017 to be put on the call list or go online at the following website: http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; or call the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact *upchief@upmd.org* or 301-277-0051. ALL EMERGENCIES: dial 911.

CRIME STATISTICS (Mar 1st to Mar 31st)

DATE	<u>CRIME</u>	BLOCK/STREET					
Mar 3rd Mar 4th Mar 7th Mar 8th Mar 9th Mar 10th Mar 17th	Theft B & E Theft from Auto Theft from Auto Identity Theft Theft Recvrd Stoln Auto	6500 QC Road 3900 Beechwd 4400 Underwd 4300 Underwd 4200 Tuckrmn 4300 VanBuren 4200 Sheridan					
Mar 17th Mar 26th	Identity Theft Theft	4400 Tuckrmn 4200 Sheridan					

Theft (Between 10:25 AM and 11:45 AM): Suspect/s entered the Church and stole a Dell laptop computer and a Verizon cell phone from an UNLOCKED office. The UPPD searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 7:40 AM and 3:15 PM): The homeowner arrived home and found the rear door and window unsecured. Suspect/s entered the home and stole an Acer laptop computer and other small assorted items. The UPPD searched the area for suspects and witnesses and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The scene was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between MIDNIGHT and 4:30 PM): Suspect/s broke the right rear quarter window of an UNLOCKED 2002 Nissan Sentra and stole a Garmin GPS unit and an iPod. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between MIDNIGHT and 8:10 PM): Suspect/s entered an UN-LOCKED Toyota Camry and stole an iPod. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Identity Theft (At 2:50 PM): It was reported to the UPPD that someone had stolen a drivers license and other assorted cards from a bicycle cart. The victim advised that the incident could have occurred at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, where the bicycle HAD BEEN LEFT UNATTENDED for a short period of time. The credit cards were used and unlawful purchases were made in New Carrollton and in the K-Mart in Hyattsville. No suspect was identified. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (At 3:20 PM): It was reported that someone had stolen the front license tag from a 2005 Honda Accord. The vehicle owner advised that the incident may have occurred in a Takoma Park parking lot where the vehicle is parked during the day. No suspect/s were located.

Recovered Stolen Auto (At 8:30 AM): The UPPD responded to assist the Fire Department with a vehicle fire of a 1999 Chevy Van. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen from an address in

Mt. Rainier on the same date. The area was searched and no evidence or suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Identity Theft (At 3:50 PM): It was reported to the UPPD that an unlawful purchase was made with the victim's credit card on September 15, 2009, through an on line "Bill-Me-Later" service. No suspect was identified. Further investigation will be conducted by the financial institution when applicable.

<u>Theft (At 12:20 PM)</u>: It was reported that the **US flag was missing** from the Town flag pole. The area was searched and no suspect/s were located.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.

♣ PLEASE: Remember to <u>keep</u> all your serial numbers, <u>ID</u> all your valuable property, and <u>never</u> leave valuables in your vehicles.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election

for the

Town of University Park

For the Offices of

Mayor

and

Council Members

for

Wards One, Three, and Seven

will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church 6513 Queens Chapel Road, UP

· · Ø · · ITEMS TO NOTE

residents planning to initiate ANY construction projects on their property to check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. And remember; without exception, Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

★ UP LANDLORDS: A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$250 per year and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental property. For questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

★ IDENTIFY YOUR CAR WITH A U-P STICKER AND HELP STOP CRIME: Pick up your blue and white "UP" car sticker/s at the Town Hall. One sticker per licensed car is available FREE for all University Park homeowners. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. The stickers enable our Town police officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately. Town Hall office hours are from 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday. Please bring a proof of residency. Talk to your Ward CM if you're not able to get to the Town Hall.

↑ TOWN HOT-LINES: For Town Field status updates: 301-927-4262-x-600. For general Town Bus info: 301-927-4262-x-601.

 to seniors) are required to bag their pup's droppings. Bags should be disposed of in the pet owners' trash receptacles.

Monday in UP. Since yard waste is composted rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris that might damage the machinery. And NOTE: bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash. Please bag vines and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, put yard waste out only the evening before collection.

■ BATTERY RECYCLING: The U.S. Department of Transportation established new regulations for the handling, shipping, and transportation of dry cell batteries. So now, ONLY Dry cell batteries weighing less than two (2) pounds may be recycled at the UP Town Hall. Recyclers need to pad the positive (+) end of each battery with a criss-cross or strip of tape. Keeping a roll of electrical tape and small scissors near one's collection receptacle will help make the recycling preparation a snap (and ensure the batteries an uneventful journey to the recycling plant without fear of leaking, breaking, or catching on fire)!

and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your designated day. NOTE: A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, etc.

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is for collecting: ★ MIXED PAPER: [Telephone books, Magazines, Boxes, Rinsed aseptic milk/juice cartons, Envelopes, Newspapers, etc.]; ★ SOME METAL: [Aerosol cans, Aluminum foil, and Food & beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & ironsteel]; ★ MANY PLASTICS: [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (all collected into one "bag ball"), Plastic glasses, cups, & tableware, Wide-mouth containers &

narrow-neck containers #1-7, Flower pots, and Rx containers]; ightharpoonup ALL GLASS [except: mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes]; and ightharpoonup ALL CLOTHES HANGERS.

Please have your blue tote ready for collection each Thursday at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your green trash tote.

We <u>DO NOT RECYCLE</u>: The excepted glass listed previously ★ Any auto parts, motor oil, or antifreeze containers ★ Hazardous waste products ★ Medical waste items ★ Glass, china, or pottery tableware, & NEVER ★ Any (hard or soft) STYROFOAM.

NOTE: All food & beverage containers and other recyclables must be rinsed clean of food and grease...or not recycled.

Remember <u>not</u> to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/ Friday and Thursday pick-up days. Likewise, it is each resident's responsibility to return them from the curb the same day after pick-up. Totes stored outside must be <u>out of view</u> from the street, at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your totes is a visible one, consider installing attractive wooden surrounds, barrier walls, or lattice and plants to block their view.

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UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: On **May 31st,** Memorial Day, there will be **NO** UP Senior/Handicapped Bus service or Metro Shuttle Bus service.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, Library or Community Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days before 1 PM.

Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE**: Please try to make bus <u>reservations one week in advance</u> so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, <u>destinations should</u> be within about 5 miles of Town.

Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this FREE door-to-door service simply need to notify the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

A UP Metro shuttle service runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are seven morning runs from 6-9 AM and eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM. Get a map (showing the stops) at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."

• ♥ • • HOLIDAY UPPWD SCHEDULE

There will be <u>NO Yard Waste collection</u> on <u>Monday</u>, <u>May 31st</u>, Memorial Day; instead, yard waste will be collected on Wednesday, June 2nd. Please also remember that the Office will be closed and there will be <u>NO</u> handicapped, senior, or Metro <u>shuttle bus service</u>.

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IEd. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings and Work Sessions are not complete official records. Residents always are welcome to review the complete Council minutes after they are typed and returned to the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 1st COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, O'Connor, and Toscano; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori reported that he would testify against the appointment of Mr. David Byrd to head the Parks and Planning Commission. The Mayor objects to his appointment on the grounds of process and procedure.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the Mayor testifying before the County Council in opposition to the current process of appointing a new head of the Parks and Planning Commission.

Mayor Tabori distributed a February 2010 Snow Storm Cost Breakdown report (see Attachment 6A on line). He said he understood the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policy for disaster declarations to be that a town identify a 48-hour window of expenses, for which they can be reimbursed 75%.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for Schummer, Inc. responding so promptly (with extremely competitive rates for heavy equipment operations) to finish clearing snow and ice from the Town's storm drains and intersections and from parts of some streets.

As to **sidewalk clearance**, the Mayor said that UP Ordinances do not allow the Town to ticket households; that right is reserved to the County. He added that along Tennyson, where there was an absolute necessity for public safety, the <u>UPPWD staff cleared the sidewalks and residents would be billed</u> for the expense on their tax bill.

Chief Wynnyk reported he still was handling the paperwork and process for purchasing the new police radios. When questioned about the snow storm, he responded that the Town's emergency plan is reviewed annually and signed by the Mayor.

The current approach for ensuring safety is for residents to shelter in place.

A motion was passed unanimously to allow the Policy & Rules Committee to develop, and recommend for Council consideration, a policy that directs Town corporate contributions and endorses activities that enhance the public welfare and quality of life for UP residents, and that the report emanating from the Committee will occur after the formal presentation of the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

There was discussion about Town residents attending the District Council hearing for the Belcrest Plaza appeal on March 11th. The Mayor said the District Council had 30 days to review the letter, then they would set the date for a public hearing. There is a 90-day grace period to conclude the appeal and issue a position. Council Members discussed how best to engage Town residents to attend the meeting and raise issues and concerns to the District Council. The Mayor said Council legislators are MUCH more concerned and attentive to in-person public comments by residents than by e-mails or letters received!

There was Council discussion about the Lewisdale-UP Boys & Girls Club's (LUP) request for a \$12,000 grant. CM Lucas felt there were many unanswered questions surrounding the request. He also raised the point that LUP uses our Town Field and the Town funds the cost of the Field's maintenance. CM Toscano added that UP already contributes to Parks & Planning AND allows LUP to use the Town Field without imposing a fee.

A motion was passed (with CMs Bradley Chacón, Carey, and O'Connor voting YEA, CMs Lucas, Mallino, and Toscano voting NAY, and Mayor Tabori voting YEA as the tiebreaker) to approve the Introduction of LR-O-05 (Request from LUP for a grant of \$2,000 from the Town). CM Bradley Chacón said she had difficulty assessing the request without context or criteria. CM O'Connor voted in favor to ensure that UP children are supported and can get outside away from video games.

Mayor Tabori said he voted YEA on the basis that the motion should be considered by the full Council -- so his vote was to allow the motion to move forward. After the Ordinance is advertised for 20 days, the Council will have another vote in April.

Mayor Tabori, Attorney Ferguson, and CM Toscano attended a meeting about the College Heights Estates (CHE) Historic District (CHHD), sponsored by County Council member Eric Olson. Also attending were Mr. Kurtz from the State Historic District, two members of the PGC Historic District staff, Mr. Blunk & Ms. Silverberg from the CHE Association, and Ms. Danielle Glaros, Mr. Olson's aide, who chaired the meeting.

The Mayor reported on the meeting. He said there were two critical options: First, if UP continues to object to the historic designation with CHHD, Mr. Kurtz said the CHHD designation would not move forward. And second, if UP extended its current Historic District to include Wards 6 & 7, the State and local representatives in attendance would support that position. Mayor Tabori said that the national historic registration process would extend the possibility of tax advantages to homeowners, whereas the local designation would apply restrictions to local zoning, even if the homeowners did not seek tax advantages. The Mayor said his time limit for considering the compromise position (of extending UP's historic designation) was July 1st.

At the March 1st Council Meeting, CM O'Connor voiced opposition to Ward 6 becoming a Historic District. CM Bradley Chacón said there could be benefits from such a designation -- like allowing residents more direct participation in the process and future direction that the "Historic" designation would take. CM Toscano complimented the Mayor's and Attorney's presentation that spoke eloquently to the formal and historical records that argue in favor of excluding UP from coming under CHEA's CHHD designation. She said the alternative name being proposed was the "Overarching Historic District of University"

Park." CM Lucas also was in favor of the national historic designation. CM Mallino said that the national program supports mechanical improvements in the home, like energy-efficient furnaces. Mayor Tabori noted that UP's 75th Anniversary is in 2011, and he requested the Council's permission to continue to consider the issue further.

A motion was passed unanimously to explore the options for UP under the National Historic District designation.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve constructing a 12'x23' wooden deck with steps at 4406 Sheridan Street. CM O'Connor suggested that permit requests be listed on the agenda after Public Comments, for the convenience and consideration of the residents seeking the permits. Council agreed with this idea and asked Mayor Tabori to adjust all future agenda accordingly.

A motion was passed unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents necessary to accept an energy grant award from the State of Maryland in the amount of \$13,000, on behalf of the Town of UP. (As to how the grant might be used, the Mayor said that, to date, he'd had one formal bid -- for \$13,000 -- for an energy-efficient heating system with three separate zone controls). The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 15th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); and Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, UPPWD Director Beall, and Attorney Ferguson.

Under Public Comment, CM Lucas said he had checked with legislators in Annapolis about tax write-offs for home improvements: Legislation is being amended to include a tax write-off for retrofitting a sprinkler system into an existing home.

Two motions were passed unanimously to approve: (1) constructing a truss roof to replace an existing flat roof at 6514 41st Avenue and (2) installing a 4-foot fence at 6500 Queens Chapel Road.

Mayor Tabori reported on four items: First - He requested guidance from the Council on the question of inserting an Azalea Classic postcard into the Town NEWSLETTER. The insertion would cost \$200.

Second - He informed Council that the MD State Highway Administration (SHA) had begun work to improve the E-W Highway/ Adelphi/QC intersection which was expected to take six months. SHA also plans to begin improvements to Route 1 (from Q.C. Road to E-W Highway). He said he had stressed to SHA the importance of ensuring that the completed Route 1 sidewalks were compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Mayor Tabori distributed Mr. Beall's map illustrating the current and planned utility work [Ed.NOTE: Residents received this map in their April NEWSLETTER.] The Mayor cautioned that the many work sites in and around UP may impact on UP residents.

In response to questions from CM Carey, Mayor Tabori said that (1) he and Mr. Beall had repeatedly raised issues with the contractor that his hours of operation were not in compliance with the permits. The Mayor encouraged residents to "phone" the Office when they see violations; sending e-mails was not realizing timely responses. (2) Work along Underwood Street had been planned for the summer and should be completed before school resumed. (3) Re the new fire hydrants: The contractor was asked to reset their height; some were several feet off the ground!

<u>Third</u> - Mayor Tabori said he'd send the proposed FY 2011 Budget to Council before March 31st, as an e-mail and a printed copy,

in Excel spreadsheet format; the account coding system would be changed to match standard accounting codes. He also planned to submit a grants section. Because of Town roadway damage from snow storms, serious street repairs would begin under the FY 2011 Budget. The Town will stay with a constant yield for UP's portion of property taxes.

<u>Last</u> - Mayor Tabori recognized **Ms. Linda Verrill** who volunteered to assume responsibility for the Town's Pet Database.
[<u>Ed.NOTE</u>: Read an introductory bio for Ms. Verrill in this issue's Congratulations column.]

CM Lucas reported on a Stormwater Management meeting he attended at Rocky Gap; some MD politicians were trying to prevent stormwater management rules from applying to MD. Interested parties have initiated a lawsuit to try and make the State of MD comply with federal legislation. Attorney Ferguson said she had received an e-mail from the MD Municipal League (MML) in support of grandfathering in existing and new developments under emergency legislation. CM Carey asked the Attorney to share any future information related to the suit with the CMs.

Chief Wynnyk reported that Officer Barreto had suffered chest pains on February 17th, was hospitalized, and was out on medical leave. He said Officer Early was on 10-day medical leave, due to an injury he suffered while on duty. He announced that the final approval letter had been received to purchase the new police radios and they would be ordered shortly. He was happy to report that the municipal law enforcement mutual aid Memorandum of Understanding had been signed off by the city of Laurel.

Treasurer Baden reported that he and Mr. Beall had attended a MD Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) meeting to learn more about the FEMA reimbursement process in order to mitigate some of the February snow storm costs. He also announced that the contract for conducting the Town audit had

been put out to bid. (Mayor Tabori interjected that the contract would be for one base year and up to four one-year options.)

UPPWD Director Beall reported that the delays in yard and tree debris collection had been due to the extreme volume of tree debris. Both yard waste recycling and tree debris collection are now taking place on Mondays and Wednesdays. To date, 16 packer truckloads of material have been removed from our Town! He also announced that pothole repair is ongoing as required.

Attorney Ferguson reported that she had attended the Intergovernmental I-net meeting on behalf of the Town of University Park. She said she had submitted an opposition to the summary judgement motion entered by Mr. DeSaussure in his case against the Town.

Re Belcrest Plaza: The Mayor distributed a copy of the letter that was sent to the District Council on March 11th. He expressed his deep appreciation for Attorney Ferguson's skill and expertise in writing a very strong letter on behalf of the Town.

Attorney Ferguson also reported on the Town Ethics Committee and explained the background of this topic. Originally, three people served on the Committee, which is composed of UP residents. One moved from University Park; the other two have not held any meetings for years. Ms. Ferguson explained the duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Mayor Tabori asked the Council Members to recommend candidates for this Committee. He would like to have the new members in place by May 17th, when the new Council Members will be sworn into office.

A motion was passed (with Mallino abstaining) to adopt a Town Arbor Day Proclamation and to designate <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 30, 2010</u> as Arbor Day in University Park.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Eddy G. Lee as

Member and Chair of the Town Supervisors of Elections for the term ending in March, 2012. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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On April 12, 2010, Ordinance 10-0-07 was introduced. This Ordinance would adopt the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. The meeting set for May 17, 2010 is the first meeting at which the Ordinance could be adopted.

COMMUNITY WISH LIST

Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) (301-984-1908 or www.potomacriver.org) offers a lot of useful information about the Potomac River, the areas it affects, and areas affected by it. Sign up to get one of the best <u>rain barrels</u> available or discover how a yard of any size, shape, or even slope could be transformed into a <u>rain garden!</u> Such watershed-wise land-scaping principles can help conserve drinking water and retain stormwater so it can be absorbed on site rather than end up in a storm sewer or in our Town Creek.

If you like canoeing and kayaking, you also might want to consider participating in the ICPRB's <u>Potomac River Ramble</u> tentatively planned for July 8th-11th. Details for this year's "Paw Paw Bends Ramble" route will be available in the June NEWSLETTER. The Rambles are informative guided group "water hikes" with time allowed for exploring, educational programs, stewardship activities, overnight tenting, and campfires. Food, water, amenities, guides, and a shuttle ride back to your car are included.

♣ Attention Parents and Care Givers: The UPplaygroup, encourages you to become a part of their online community of parents

and Care Givers in University Park and other neighboring areas. Such an online organization affords a free and easy way to meet other UP parents, organize playgroups, share information and events of interest, and discuss parenting issues. Sign up today at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UPplaygroup. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Michelle Wedge at UP playgroup-owner@yahoogroups.com or 240-770-6097.

♣ FOUND: A woman's jacket was left in RPC after the March UP Historic Preservation Association meeting. Please call Chris Garcia (301-699-9124) to identify and claim.

. . ♥ . . CONGRATULATIONS

r To the Brockman family! Former resident Rachel Brockman Fix and husband Stephen Fix are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child, daughter Louisa Theo Fix who was born on March "18th" weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces, measuring 19.6 inches, and already looking like a darkhaired beauty. Her big brother Rock Daniel Fix was 2 on September "18th," so Louisa was born on his half birthday. The proud grandparents are John and Kerry Fix of Vienna, Virginia and Rock and Melanie Brockman of Queens Chapel Road. Melanie says her other granddaughter, 1½-year-old Addy Barnett (oldest daughter Bethany's child) also was born on September "18th," a year after Rock Daniel...which makes remembering her grandbabies' birthdays very easy!

More good news follows the Brockmans from across the Atlantic! Youngest daughter **Susanna Brockman** currently is attending the University of Glasgow in London, through Christie's, to work on her master's degree in decorative arts. In 2006, Susanna received a BA cum laude in European history from Columbia University. She then worked 3 years as gallery relations manager for the Potomack Company before starting on her master's.

To three young UP residents who have parts in the Cheverly Young Actors Guild's (CYAG) 2010 play, "Seussical the Musical": 10-year-old Victoria "Vicky" Burch of Forest Hill Drive. 11-year-old Milan Monardes, and her brother 14-year-old Montana Monardes, both of 41st Avenue.

Vicky is a 5th grader at Robert Goddard Montessori School and this will be her fifth year with CYAG. She is in the play's ensemble and will perform as both a "Who" and a "Cadet" in all eight performances. Her other hobbies include playing the violin, swimming, Girl Scouts, and hanging out with her friends. Milan is a 6th grader at Friends Community School. In her sixth show with CYAG, she will be the Mayor's wife, "Miss Mayor." (She says she loves acting and is considering it as a career.) Her other hobbies include swimming, softball, basketball, Girl Scouts, and singing. Montana is an 8th grader at Friends Community School and has been with CYAG since he was 7 years old. This year, he will perform the role of the "General of the Military." His other favorite activities include singing, baseball, and swimming. Because the lead roles have been double cast, Milan and Montana will perform in three of the six performances.

Their proud parents include Libby Linstrom and Larry Burch (and Vicky's proud brothers Ben Burch and Marty Burch) and Carla Monardes and Noel Monardes. The play is being performed on May 13-16th at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. Please check "Entertainment Around Town" for the times and performance schedules for each child.

To the UPES Destination Imagination (DI) Team, "Robot or No Bot," that placed 1st in the DI-Bot category of the Central Region Tournament. Destination Imagination is a national creative problem-solving competition that combines theatrical talent and engineering skills. The Team went on to compete at the State Tournament on April 10th (but the outcome was not known at the time of printing). The UP Team members include Jacob Burns of Clagett Road, Gary Harris and Henry Tuit-Farquhar of Woodberry Street, and

Jack McKeown of Underwood Street. The other Team members are Caroline Ahalt and Mary Anna Brogi of College Park and Brandon Scott of Hyattsville. The Team's proud coach is Mary Resing of Underwood Street. Mary also is the Artistic Director and Executive Producer of Active Cultures Theatre.

To Linda Verrill of Van Buren Street, who has volunteered to become the new manager of the UP Pet Database. Linda believes this Town service is a real treasure and said she is "thrilled to build upon the work of Troop 214 Scout Nathan Dickerson of Tuckerman Street, who had collected photos and information for about 100 Town pets as his Eagle Scout project." Linda, who works full time as a social scientist for the Food & Drug Administration in College Park, has been a UP resident for almost ten years with her husband Brian Verrill, a computer network engineer, and their 13-year-old son Nicholas Verrill, a 7th grader at Hyattsville Middle School. (And...sharing their home are two energetic Sheltie's & two very friendly cats.)

Many UP pet owners already may have met Linda. For three years (2006-08), she was the Chair of the UPES May Fair. She helped organize the Azalea Classic Dog Walk, was on the Dog Park Committee, and currently manages the UP-CHE Dog Association Google Group! Now she is looking forward to keeping track of all the pets in UP and assisting Town residents if their pets get lost. To make her job more successful, Linda encourages every one in Town to register their pets in the UP Pet Database by contacting *linda_verrill*@ yahoo.com (preferred) or 301-927-6743.

Town residents who collected over 50 bags of trash and 24 blue bags of recyclable refuse at the UP Civic Association's April 10th Annual Stream Clean-UP. After the volunteers (ages 2 weeks to 76 years) were welcomed and briefed by Clean-UP Chair Julie McLaren, the UP Stream Committee Chair Tom Stickles described the Stream's ecology and gave instructions for the volunteers who would be

trimming the English ivy vines and porcelain berry invasives that encircle many trees. While the Stream seem cleaner this year, volunteers still collected over 50 discarded plastic bags and such unexpected items as an exercise ball, several hubcaps, a beaded necklace, a Hawaiian lei, and a doorknob!

For the 2nd year, our Clean-UP was one of the registered sites in the 22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF), so on April 10th, our volunteers and 5,000 others cleared HUNDREDS of TONS of trash from over 400 Potomac basin rivers and streams! Thanks also to the AFF for providing UPCA with trash bags & gloves and for collating the statistics for AFF's area-wide cleanup effort.

REUSE YOUR RAINWATER: At 10 AM on Saturday, <u>June 5th</u>, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) will give a FREE 1-hour presentation on the use and installation of <u>RAIN BARRELS</u>. Meeting will be held at the <u>Church of the Brethren</u> (corner of Tuckerman Street & Route 1). AND, for the first time anywhere in our area, attendees may purchase the rain barrels on site following the presentation. For all the details and/or to register, please visit the ICPRB website (www.potomacriver.org) and click on the rain barrel picture or call Jennifer Willoughby (301-984-1908, extension 109).

• • W • • ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

Active Cultures Theatre (ACT) will be performing their all new "Sportaculture 2010" (five more short plays about local sports) on April 30th at 7:30 PM and May 1st at 11 AM and 2:30 PM. The performances will be held in the Riverdale Park Town Center (intersection of Queensbury Road & Rhode island Avenue; at the site of the RP*FM) as part of Riverdale Park's 3rd Annual Arts Fest.

Underwood Street resident Mary C. Resing and Jessica Burgess have written a

short operetta about "Nancy Pelosi and Bocce!" The other plays deal with the sports of Jousting (Maryland's state sport), horse racing at Pimlico, children's soccer, and professional baseball. As was done last year, a freewill offering will be collected at the April 30th evening performance; the May 1st day performances are FREE (seating tickets will be available one hour before each show-time). For more information, please contact Mary Resing, ACT Artistic Director (301-526-9921) or visit www.activecultures.org.

- ↑ The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC) offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 09-10 season, please contact www. claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787.
- "The Annual 'Pops' Concert" on May 1st at 8 PM in the Dekelboum Concert Hall Former Wells Parkway resident L. Richmond Sparks directs faculty & guest artists, the UM Wind Ensemble, and the Community Band in a salute to George and Ira Gershwin. Featured will be the original version of Rhapsody in Blue, a medley of songs from Porgy and Bess, along with the music of Aaron Copland and Irving Berlin for a night of American favorites.
- "Outdoor Jazz Finale" on May 5th at 5:30 PM in the Theatre Courtyard Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy an open-air spring treat featuring the UM Jazz Lab Band, UM Jazz Ensemble, and University Jazz Band. FREE
- "The Maryland Opera Studio" on May 6-7th at 7:30 PM in Dekelboum Concert Hall First-year opera grad students will perform a variety of scenes incorporating all aspects of their musical and theatrical training. FREE
- "Wounded Splendor" on May 7th at 8 PM in Kay Theatre David Gonzalez et.al. have choreographed a suite of poetry, monologues, and dance to an original musical score set within an enchanting video design. The images, lyrics, awe, and fury work to spark a deeper contemplation of our suffering planet -- inspired their life-long love of the outdoors and

the growing environmental crises. (Free post-performance Talk Back with the artists)

- "Postcard from Morocco" on May 9th
 at 3 PM in the School of Music Room 1218 The Maryland Opera Studio will present an intimate reading of this American one-act opera by Dominic Argento.
- "A Hand of Bridge" on May 11th at 12:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall The MD Opera Studio's Workshop students will present this Samuel Barber one-act opera for four voices as their semester project, performed in English with piano accompaniment. FREE
- ↑ The Robert E. Parilla (Montgomery College, Rockville Campus) Performing Arts Center (MCPAC) concludes its 2009-2010 season with a Children's Series play. Ticket info at www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac or 240-567-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.
- On Saturday, May 1st at 11 AM, the Saturday Morning Childrens' Series will present "Jigsaw Jones: The Case of the Class Clown," Someone in Ms. Gleason's class is sliming people and playing practical jokes! Based on the book by James Preller, this amusing musical will have ages six and older laughing (and thinking) as they try to outguess Jigsaw while he deciphers the secret codes necessary to solve the mystery.
- ↑ The Publick Playhouse in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road; 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-277-0312) is offering a FREE film for seniors and 4 musical plays. Call for tickets.
- On Thursday, May 6th at 10:15 AM & NOON, ArtsPower Theatre will present the musical comedy "Jigsaw Jones: The Case of the Class Clown," recommended for grades 1-4. Jigsaw Jones becomes a student detective on the trail of the clown kid who's playing practical jokes in class. The audience helps Jigsaw by figuring out the secret codes he needs to solve the mystery. (\$6)
- On Tuesday, May 11th at 11 AM, the Platinum Series for Seniors will show "I'm Not

Rappaport," a hilarious adaptation of Herb Gardner's off-Broadway play. Starring Walter Matthau, Ossie Davis, and Amy Irving, it's a fascinating exploration into aging and the uncertainty of the future. FREE for ages 60 and older; advanced registration required.

• The Cheverly Young Actors Guild (CYAG) was formed in 1995 by parents seeking to offer local youth professional training and performance opportunities in the dramatic arts. This year, CYAG is presenting the fun-to-watch "Seussical the Musical," complete with elaborate sets, costumes, and choreography. This family-friendly musical based on several Dr. Seuss books debuted on Broadway in 2000. The show mirrors the plot of "Horton Hears a Who" while encompassing key characters and scenes from other books (like the Butter Side Uppers/Downers from "The Butter Battle Book" and Gertrude Mc Fuzz, as well as some brand new characters). The Cat in the Hat is an outside observer, narrator, and devil's advocate.

Besides two field-trip performances to schools and similar venues, six public performances will be offered on Thursday, May 13th at 7:30 PM (C), Friday, May 14th (H) at 7:30 PM, Saturday, May 15th at 2:30 PM (H) and 7:30 PM (C), and Sunday, May 16th at 2:30 PM (C) and 6:30 PM (H). [Ed.NOTE: (C) and (H) indicate which cast is performing. Montana and Milan Monardes are in (C) and Vicky Burch is in both (C & H). Read more about these three extremely competent young UP actors in the "Congratulations" column.]

- On Friday, May 21st at 10:15 AM & NOON, the American Family Theatre's Broadway series will present "Beauty and the Beast," a one-hour version of the famous musical about courage and compassion. A beautiful girl discovers that the power of love can overcome the beastliest of adversities. Recommended for grades K-5. (\$5)
- On Wednesday, May 26th at 10:15 AM & NOON, the ArtsPower National Touring Theatre will present "Are You My Mother?,"

an original musical based on P.D. Eastman's classic children's book about a baby bird's adventure. The rhythmic music and imaginative sets and costumes will keep younger audiences enthralled. Especially for grades PreK-2. (\$5)

- ↑ The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) (123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) holds performances on Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM and on Sundays at 2 PM.
- From May 7th to 29th, GAC will present Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo," a hilarious comedy about a couple who are fading stars in 1950's Buffalo. They've lost their last chance at leads in a Frank Capra film, their agent loves her, and he's involved with the Company ingenue (and battles with his deaf mother-in-law), and then, there is their newly-engaged daughter and her timid fiance (AND her former lover). And since the Company can't decide whether to play "Private Lives" or "Cyrano de Bergerac," the plot is filled with myriad misunderstandings and misplaced affections and...even missing persons!
- ↑ The Rockville Musical Theatre (RMT) performs at the F.Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (6033 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Tickets: 240-314-8690; Other: 301-221-5434).
- From May 7th to 16th, RMT will present "I Remember Mama," John Van Druten's warm family drama based on the fictional memoirs of Kathryn Forbes in her book, Mama's Bank Account. The play became a successful movie & TV show about the Norwegian immigrant Hanson family in 1910 San Francisco, as they learn the importance of family support and perseverance through the guidance of their wise and wonderful "old country" mama.

"Go Placidly among the Noise and Haste, and Remember what Peace there may be in Silence."

From Desiderata, 1692

33rd UPCCC SPRING/SUMMER SALE

Summer is just around the corner, so remember the great opportunity the University Park Children's Clothing Co-op provides for purchasing quality "pre-washed and gently worn" spring and summer clothing for children from infants to teens. Featured items will include seasonal clothing and accessories, swim & rainwear, books, toys, videos/DVDs, baby/layette equipment, and maternity items.

The 2010 UPCCC Spring/Summer Sale will be held on Saturday, May 1st from 10 AM to 12 NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road, UP). Please be aware that checks are accepted only from UP Town residents for amounts over \$40.00 and that purchases must be made separately in the various sale rooms. Persons who would like to be "Mailing-List members" for the 2010 Fall/ Winter Sale, should submit their name, address, and 50¢ to any cashier when they are at the April sale. Mailing-List members receive a postcard allowing them to enter the sale at 9:30 AM, prior to the general public.

Consider being a part of this University Park tradition by volunteering to work as a cashier on Saturday morning in exchange for admission to the members-only shopping time on Friday, April 30th from 4-7 PM. For details, please call Kimberly Nugent (301-779-1149). For 33 years, this wonderful semi-annual community sale has afforded UP residents and a host of conscientious shoppers from near and far the perfect way to cut the cost of their children's clothing budget without ever setting foot in a store!

••₩•• HAVE A MERRY MAY AT CPAE

All College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) EVENTS ARE FREE and are held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road

and Dartmouth Avenue) <u>UNLESS otherwise</u> noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or *info@cpae.org*; or, you may visit *www.cpae.org* for more information.

- on Saturday, May 1st at 4 PM, come to "The Bog Band May Day Concert" and celebrate this traditional day of song and dance with the infectious rhythms and cheerful Celtic fiddle tunes of a talented group of young musicians. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for this popular event as space is limited.
- Two Arts Drop-In programs will be held this month, at different locations. On Saturday, May 8th from 10 AM-NOON, kids can experiment in sculpting with Air Dried Clay at the CP Community Center in Lakeland. On Sunday, May 9th from 2-4 PM, kids will make fun tissue paper cards and flowers for Mother's Day at the Old Parish House in CP. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead both programs. His knack for fostering an atmosphere of creative artistic energy inspires young children from 3-8 years old to try out fun new ideas as they explore a variety of art mediums. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.
- Bob Rychlik will give CPAE a special sneak preview of the "Fujara Flute Concert" that he will perform at the Library of Congress later in May. A "fujara" overtone flute is a magical instrument. Mr. Rychlik's performance with fujara and other smaller overtone flutes will feature native Slovak folk music and singing. He also will showcase the contemporary use of the fujara and perform some original compositions. To hear the fujara played in the traditional style, visit http://www.dusafujary.sk/bob-rychlik-en.php. This FREE event is a part of CPAE's Friday evening entertainment series especially for adults and older kids.
- ♣ Join the "College Park Youth Choir" as they celebrate the wonderful year in which the choir has grown to 50 enthusiastic young

voices. Under the direction of <u>Christopher Fominaya</u>, the Choir will perform at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on **June 1st** at 7:30 PM. A reception for everyone will follow.

- the Linson Pool parking lot will be open from May 1st to November 20th on Saturdays, 7 AM to NOON. Shop for a wide range of fresh fruits, veggies, bakery items, and plants!
- shopping at the Takoma Park Farmers Market (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 30th year, this producers-only market is offering produce grown locally within a 125-mile radius. It is open every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.
- Park Farmers Market (RP*FM). Though open since April 1st, Musachio's veggies will arrive May 6th/18th and TGIF's veggies, May 20th/27th. Summer Creek organic veggies + will arrive May 27th/June 3rd, Harris fruits in mid June, and Vinnie Bevivino's organic veggies may return mid-to-late June. Harris Fruits will close October 28th; RP*FM on November 18th.
- ↑ The Greenbelt Farmers Market is open each Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM from May 16th through November 21st. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind the Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt's commercial plaza). Please visit www.green beltfarmersmarket.org for a list of vendors, produce in season, and more details.
- The Hyattsville Farmers Market will open on Tuesdays from 2 PM to 6 PM from June 15th until October 26th.

PUN LINER: Gardening is a sport. Hoe for it! :)

Mike Garofalo

33rd ANNUAL RP ARTS FEST

The 2010 3rd Annual Riverdale Park Arts Fest will be held on Sunday, May 2nd from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Riverdale Park Town Center (by the MARC Station at the intersection of Queensbury Road and Rhode Island Avenue, where the RP*FM is held). Everyone is invited to enjoy the day-long, outdoor celebration and festival of the arts. There will be more than 28 artists, artisans, and musicians; arts and crafts exhibits, sales, demonstrations, and workshops. Del Rey, a female blues musician, will be conducting two workshops (ukulele and guitar) in the Archie Edwards Foundation Building located across Queensbury Road from the Arts Fest.

There will be a <u>children's activity tent</u> with hands-on activities and lessons. The Riversdale House Museum will lead some <u>18th</u> Century crafts for children and the <u>Blue Sky Puppet Theatre</u> will be sure to keep them smiling. <u>Food sales</u> will include Mike's Southern Cafe. Additionally, the <u>Active Cultures Theatre</u> will present five 1-act plays and the <u>Colours Dance Group</u> will perform. For more information, please contact *rpartscouncil@gmail.com* or the Arts Council president Emily Fanning (301-864-5561).

• • ♥ • • GREENBELT'S MAY EVENTS

the "Artful Afternoon" program on Sunday, May 2nd. From 1-3 PM, artist Russ Little will help folks create art flags for public display. From 1:30-3:30 PM, drop in on a dance party with Angella Foster and learn some of the dances that were popular from the 1920's through the 1980's. Then relax from 3-4 PM and cheer on Greenbelt's talented future musicians at an all-Greenbelt-Schools concert! All the events will be held either inside or on the grounds of the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road). For more information, please call 301-397-2208 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Greenbelt's 6th Annual Green Man Festival (held rain or shine in the Roosevelt Center) on Saturday, May 8th from 10 AM-7 PM and Sunday, May 9th from 11 AM-6 PM, celebrates and reinforces a commitment to preserve acres of near-by forests and honor our green Earth by choosing wisely and living locally. This year's theme is "Healing our Earth Through Conscious Choices."

Festival activities aim to reconnect people to the green folklore of ancient civilizations through science, art, music, and myth through the talents of local artists, musicians, and orators. Please consult the website for details about the Spring Green activities, Green information available, performance schedule for the bands & musicians, list of vendors, and even the Fairy Garden that children can make (shh, it might be a surprise for Mother's Day). A FREE Green Film Festival also will be held continuously both days. Find all the details at http://greenbeltgreenman festival.org.

n Tuesday, May 18th at 7 PM, you are invited to hear Kim Rush Lynch, a holistic health counselor and food educator, talk about "From Seed to Supper," the history of school gardens and their role in chidren's health. The resurgence of the school garden movement and plant-based education help broaden the purposes for which a school garden can be used: plant & nature study * mathematics * language arts * art * entomology * physical education * home economics * cooperative learning * spiritual development * beautification * nutrition * social reform * food production * community service * even patriotism! This will be the third presentation in the Greenbelt Museum's bi -monthly lecture series that focuses on life events in the 40s and 50s and how they relate to lifestyles today. As well as focusing on the history of school gardens, you also will learn how gardening can be a successful tool for improving eating habits and cultivating life skills in children.

Ms. Lynch is certified in Holistic Health Counseling through the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, is certified by the American

Association of Drugless Practitioners and by Columbia University's Teachers College, and is close to becoming a Certified Nutritional Consultant by the American Association of Nutritional Consultants. She is the co-founder of the Greenbelt Farmers Market, and when she's not thinking about food, you may find her gardening, biking, roller skating, or practicing yoga. If you have questions, please contact Megan Searing Young (301-507-6582 or greenbelt museum@gmail.com).

SOARING INTO MAY

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a workshop, a film, and a contest! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For questions, please contact 301-864-6029/TTY 301-864-4765 or www.collegepark aviationmuseum.com.

- ✿ On May 7th and each "First Friday," the Museum is open until 9 PM!
- ****Wilbur's 1909 Wright Wing Rib Workshop"** On **May 8th** from 1-2 PM, learn about the work and craftsmanship that went into making early aircraft by watching a ribmaking demonstration in Wilbur's Hangar. One lucky attendee's name will be drawn to get to keep the newly-constructed Wing Rib! **FREE with Museum admission** → → **FWMA**
- A Hollywood Flyers Plan now for a Saturday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood block-busters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. On May 15th, the PG film will be "Spy Kids." The children of secret-agent parents must save them from danger. All Hollywood Flyer films begin at 1 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie are all FWMA!
- ★ The 2nd Annual Egg Drop Contest will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Arrive at the Museum between 10 AM and 1:30 PM to

design a device that will protect a large Grade-A egg from breaking when dropped. Each contestant will be provided with a kit of specific materials. All ages may enter the contest; ages 19 and older will compete in a separate category. The actual Drop will begin at 2 PM. All contestants, accompanying parents, and contest observers are required to pay the Museum's modest admission fee. Pre-registration is required to compete but is FWMA. And, YES...prizes will be awarded!

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgparks. com or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

- ↑ On Sunday, May 9th, Riversdale is hosting "Mother's Day Tours." Bring your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, favorite aunt, or any special lady for a free guided tour during open hours. (One free tour with each paid admission.) Honoring mothers at Riversdale is most appropriate as Rosalie Stier Calvert bore nine children while living there. Five children lived to adulthood, including Charles Benedict Calvert who founded what has become the University of Maryland.
- ↑ The Riverdale Historical Society is holding a special fund raiser at Riversdale on Sunday, May 16th at 3 PM. The author of Rubens and the Archaeology of Myth, 1610-1620, Aneta Georgievska-Shine, will speak about the Flemish master artist Peter Paul Rubens and his connections to Riversdale and the Stier and Calvert families! After the

lecture, participants will enjoy a catered reception with the author and a salon tour (to get a sneak peek at the ongoing restoration of Riversdale's elegant salon). RSVP by Friday, May 2nd, to Barbara Glover (301-927-4182). Tickets are \$35 (or \$15 for the lecture only).

- Dr. Georgievska-Shine is a Washington, D.C. independent scholar specializing in Northern Baroque and Renaissance art. She teaches part-time in the Departments of Fine Arts and Art History at UMCP and is a frequent guest lecturer for many museums and art institutions, (including the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program). "Her academic training in the artistic culture of the Low Lands has been enriched by several museum fellowships at prestigious institutions. In 2007, she was the co-organizer of the international conference of the Historians of Netherlandish Art." Her publications include articles in international journals (as well as in Word and Image and The Art Bulletin), essays (in several anthologies), exhibition catalogues, and her book.
- n Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 PM, Riversdale will hold its second Quarterly Historic Lecture. Donald Shomette, underwater archaeologist, historian, and author, will present his talk, "New Perspectives on the Battle of Bladensburg." As a continuation of his research on the Chesapeake Flotilla, Shomette will discuss his findings regarding the Flotilla's performance at the Battle of Bladensburg. (American Revolutionary War hero Commodore Joshua Barney pulled off a daring counterattack that allowed the Chesapeake Flotilla to escape further up the Patuxent River, thus delaying the Flotilla's inevitable destruction for almost two months! A historic Marker for "Barney's Barge" is located in the Bladensburg Waterfront Park about .2 miles south of the Park's entrance at the Annapolis Road (MD Route 450) & 46th Street intersection.) Dr. Shomette has authored 15 books, most recently, Flotilla: The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812, published in 2009. He also was the recipient of the Calvert Prize (Maryland's prestigious award for historic preservation) and twice won

the John Lyman Book Award (for Best American Maritime History). Fee: Adults/\$5 and Students with a valid ID/\$2.50.

* "Seasonal Selections" programs are held on one Sunday each month from NOON to 3:30 PM as part of the regular House tour. Their focus is inspired by a holiday, seasonal produce, or just the recurring cycles of early 19th-century farm life. On May 23rd, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will present "From the Still Room and Dairy." The Still Room was renowned for being the area of the house where ideas and innovations produced jams, pickles, cordials, wines, and liqueurs. It also is believed to be the room where the lady of the house produced perfumes, lotions, and potions -- including such things as "might cure a mad dog bite." So, using period cookware, containers, implements, and costumed interpreters will demonstrate how to churn butter, distill herbal infusions, and more.

FINAL GREAT DECISIONS 2010

All Town residents are invited to attend the final two Foreign Policy Association discussion programs. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at UP Church of the Brethren. The remaining dates and their topics include:

May 13th - The Persian Gulf: Now more than ever, the Persian Gulf region offers many difficult challenges to U.S. policy-makers. How will Obama's direct appeal to Arabs and Muslims impact U.S. foreign policy in the region? What will the fallout of withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq be? Can the U.S. and its allies prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons?

May 27th - Peace Building & Conflict Resolution: U.S. campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown that military force alone cannot ensure peace in all conflicts. How can the U.S. successfully integrate the tools of peace-building into its statecraft? At what point do poverty, disease, and climate change

threaten national security? What role can non-governmental actors play in supporting government-led efforts?

This series has offered an informal, friendly way to learn more about the foreign policy of the United States. Whether or not you have been able to attend any previous sessions, you might like to sit in on one of these final discussions just to see what they're like. It may help you decide if you'd like to join the group for the 2011 session!

• ♥ • • • BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

R. D. Cumming.

- ♣ The Hyattsville Branch Library (301-985-4690) offers a monthly afternoon book discussion group and a bi-monthly chess club.
- For <u>all ages and levels</u>, the **Chess Club** meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 PM (**May 13th and 27th**) with instructor Ted Fagan. Guests & new members are welcome!
- The HY-LI BOOK GROUP meets monthly on the third Saturday at 3 PM. On May 15th, they will discuss their nonfiction selection, "The Meaning of Everything: The Story of the Oxford English Dictionary" by Simon Winchester. Enjoy a full range of interesting narrative about the idiosincratic personalities of all the Dictionary's editors, especially James Murray. Though he grew up in poverty, Murray was a "polymath," a man with a keen curiosity and many different interests (a Renaissance man), and he spoke and read more than 25 languages! If the origin of languages and bios of some very special men sounds interesting, check out this book and join the group for some leisurely, and often lively, discussion. On June 19th, their selection will be "Not a Genuine Black Man or How I Learned to Be Black in the Lily-white Suburbs" by Brian Copeland. New members and visitors always are welcome and may drop in on a discussion at any time.

The After Eight Book Club, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will continue its 2009-2010 Club year on May 18 at 8 PM to discuss "The Omnivore's Dilemma," author Michael Pollan. For questions, or to join this month's discussion, please call Linda Keenan (301-434-9671). For June 15th, their selection will be "Straight Man" by Richard Russo.

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club (info@cpae.org or 301-927- 3013) meets monthly (except August) on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox & Dartmouth) for lively conversation in a fun, casual setting. The ongoing theme is mostly literary non-fiction by women. Their May 21st selection is "A House in Fez: Building a Life in the Ancient Heart of Morocco" by Suzanna Clark. (A woman and her husband buy a compound in an ancient Moroccan city and learn about its fascinating culture while renovating the house with traditional artisan techniques.) On June 18th, the Club will discuss "First Darling of the Morning: Selected Memories of an Indian Childhood" by Thrity Umriger. Guests always are welcome to drop by any time!

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE IS MAY 15th!

Are you ready for the University Park Civic Association's Town-Wide Yard Sale? The IB-I-G Annual Yard Sale Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 9 AM until 2 PM, rain or shine. To be listed on the Town map of participating homes, contact Carol Cron by Friday, May 7th (301-277-4718, carol.cron@hotmail.com, or via the UP Listserv: univpark@googlegroups.com). If you miss getting listed on the Sale Map, but live near someone who is, it still is worthwhile to have a sale; everyone can take advantage of having so many shoppers driving around Town!

Sale maps may be accessed from the UPCA website (www.upcivicassociation.org) or picked up at the Town Hall (only on Friday, the day before the Sale). On the day of the Sale, get a map from the Town Hall stoop, OR near the UPES sign on Queens Chapel Road, OR at random yard sales in UP. More questions? Contact Carol.

Are you an advocate for this kind of Town event? Please come share in creating the fun; new neighbors, new members, and new ideas are always needed! All are invited to the next UPCA meeting -- in Riverdale Presbyterian Church on May 25th at 7 PM.

HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

On Sunday, May 16th from 1-5 PM, the Hyattsville Preservation Association will hold their 31st Annual Historic Hyattsville House Tour. The self-guided tour will encompasses nine sites, from a large Queen Anne home, to charming bungalows, to an 1897 home designated as a Prince George's County Historic Site. Architectural styles range from Victorian and Colonial Revival to Craftsman and Post-War. The Tour will begin at the Hyattsville Municipal Building (4310 Gallatin Street). The houses may be visited in any order and all are within easy walking distance; however, a van will circle the route continuously for those who have difficulty walking the tour. For ticket information, please contact Debbie Franklin (301-927-6947). There is a \$2 discount for each advance ticket purchased before the day of the Tour.

HELP UPHPA PREPARE FOR UP'S

75th ANNIVERSARY

Let your voices be heard! Help prepare the way to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of University Park! All interested residents are encouraged to join the **UP Historic Preser**- vation Association on May 18th from 7:30-9 PM for a planning and organizational meeting. As UP embarks on the second decade of the 21st Century, the group will revisit highlights of the past year, discuss the future of the UPHPA, and explore what sorts of programs and projects the group might bring to the community for the 2010-2011 season.

UPHPA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in Custis Hall of Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6500 Queens Chapel Road). Please bring your ideas for speakers, activities, and field trips. If you wish, bring an evening snack to share. Questions? Call Chris Garcia (301-699-9124).

SENIORS + EXERCISE <u>CAN</u> = FUN!

On Wednesday, May 26th from 8 AM to 1 PM, the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover (fitnesscenter@pgparks.com or 301-583-2525) will hold a "Special Senior Health & Fitness Day" for Prince George's County seniors ages 60 and older. Go early so you'll have a chance to take part in such activities as swimming, a fitness walk, line dancing, aerobics, chair exercises, massages, educational sessions, health screenings, senior self defense demonstrations...and EVEN more. There also will be plenty of door prizes and live DJ entertainment -- and it all is FREE!

41st MAY FAIR WILL JUMP TO JUNE

The UPES PTA's 41st annual May Fair will be held Saturday, JUNE 12th from 11 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine. All proceeds will benefit UPES-PTA projects for the school. Local clubs, organizations, groups, and businesses should register now to set up a booth (as long as it contributes to the fun). Adult and student VOLUNTEERS are needed! Students may earn community service hours. To register your booth, volunteer, or for more info, please contact Co-Chairs Steven Benson

(steven.benson@navy.mil) OR Ann Warrick (annmwarrick@yahoo.com). Details in June.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, weddings and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please send articles to *upnews@yahoo.com* or to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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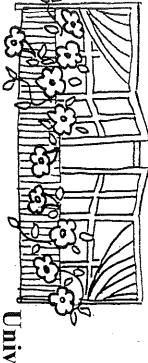
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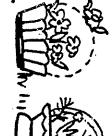
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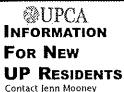




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Inquire at the Town Hall: 6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP (301-927-2997/TDD 1-800-735-2258)





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To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill (301-927-6743). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

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Margaret S. Mallino

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